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From: Sachi A. Hamai   
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**MOTION TO SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO GOVERNOR BROWN AND THE STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP EXPRESSING STRONG OPPOSITION TO SB 1379 (MENDOZA) WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ITEM NO. 23-A, SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA OF AUGUST 23, 2016)**

Item No. 23-A on the August 23, 2016 Supplemental Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Solis recommending that the Board instruct the Chief Executive Officer to send a five-signature letter to Governor Brown and Legislative Leaders expressing the County's strong opposition to Senate Bill 1379 (Mendoza); and direct the Sacramento Advocates to engage the County's Legislative Delegation and actively advocate against SB 1379 or any other similar measures.

**Support for this motion is consistent with the County's current opposition to SB 1472 (Mendoza) and SB 522 (Mendoza), both of which would restructure the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Board of Directors.**

**Senate Bill 1379 (Mendoza)**

SB 1379 (Mendoza), which as significantly amended on August 19, 2016, would restructure the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors to include: 1) the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles; 2) two Los Angeles City Council Members; 3) two public members who are residents of the City of Los Angeles; 4) the Mayor of the City of Long Beach; 5) five mayors or city council members from the other cities in the county; 6) two members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors appointed by that board; and 7) one non-voting member appointed by the Governor.

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The bill would also require the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles to appoint the two members of the Los Angeles City Council and one public member, and would require the President Pro Tempore of the Senate to appoint the other public member from a list submitted by the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles. The bill would require the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee to appoint four of the members from each of four specified sectors representing the other cities within the county, and would require the Speaker of the Assembly to appoint the fifth representative of the other cities within the county, who may not reside in the same city as another member of the authority board at the time of appointment, from a list submitted by the Los Angeles County City Selection Committee.

Existing law establishes the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority with specified powers and duties relative to transportation planning, programming, and operations in the County of Los Angeles. The authority is governed by a 14-member board of directors, including the Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, two public members and one Los Angeles City Council member appointed by the Mayor, four members appointed from the other cities in the county, the five members of the Board of Supervisors, and one non-voting member appointed by the Governor.

SB 1379 would remove three of the five Los Angeles County Supervisors from the Metro Board, reducing the County's representation to two members. This would effectively leave much of the County's unincorporated areas, and potentially many of its incorporated cities, without representation on significant regional transportation matters.

This bill is the third attempt this year by Senator Mendoza to restructure the Metro Board. The previous bills – SB 1472 and SB 522 – both would have expanded the Metro Board and restructured its composition. SB 1472 stalled on the Senate Floor and was placed on the inactive file on June 2, 2016. SB 522 was held in the Assembly Rules Committee on June 27, 2016 without a hearing.

SB 1379 is awaiting consideration in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

### **Conclusion**

**Support for this motion is consistent with the County's current opposition to SB 1472 (Mendoza) and SB 522 (Mendoza), both of which would restructure the Metro Board.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

SAH:JJ:MR  
OR:AO:lm

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel